WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory comprising firmware executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate a print mechanism in accordance with a first state associated with a capability of the print mechanism;

change the first state associated with the capability to a second state in response to receiving first information from an external interface; and

operate the print mechanism in accordance with the second state associated with the capability.

2.   The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a disabled state, and wherein the second state comprises an enabled state.

3.   The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a first level of performance, and wherein the second state comprises a second level of performance.

4.   The system of claim 1 wherein the first information comprises an encryption key.

5.   The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

receive the first information associated with the capability of the print mechanism from a server coupled to the external interface.

6.   The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

receive the first information associated with the capability of the print mechanism from a computer system coupled to the external interface.

7.   The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

detect a user input associated with the capability;

provide second information associated with the user input to a server using the external interface; and

receive the first information associated with the capability of the print mechanism in response to providing the second information to the server.

8.   The system of claim 7 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

provide the second information associated with the user input to the server by providing the second information to a computer system coupled to the external interface.

9.   A system comprising:

a print mechanism;

a print engine configured to operate the print mechanism;

means for receiving a first selection of a first capability associated with the print mechanism;

means for receiving first information associated with the first selection from a server; and

means for changing a first indicator associated with the first capability from a first state to a second state in response to receiving the first information.

10.   The system of claim 9 further comprising:

a functional unit operable by the print engine;

means for receiving a second selection of a second capability associated with the functional unit;

means for receiving second information associated with the second selection from the server; and

means for changing a second indicator associated with the second capability from a third state to a fourth state in response to receiving the second information.

11.   The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a facsimile function.

12.   The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a scanner function.

13.   The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a performance capability.

14.   The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises an upgrade capability.

15.   The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a functional capability.

16.   The system of claim 10 wherein the first capability comprises a renewal capability.

17.   A method comprising:

receiving a selection of a capability associated with a print engine from a user;

receiving payment information associated with the selection from the user; and

enabling the capability in response to receiving information associated with the capability from a server.

18.   The method of claim 17 further comprising:

receiving a list of selectable capabilities from the server, the list including the capability.

19. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to select the capability from the list.

20. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to enter the payment information.

21. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

providing the selection and the payment information to the server.

22. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

receiving information associated with the capability from the server in response to providing the selection and the payment information to the server.